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FM AMEMBASSY RANGOON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9025

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MILI BM

SUBJ: GUB PURCHASE OF TEAR GAS

REF: STATE 7244

1. GUB NORMALLY BUYS TEAR GAS FROM A U.S. SUPPLIER. AS DEPT DOUBTLESS PERCEIVED, PART OF THE PURCHASE DESCRIBED REFTEL WAS TO REPLACE THE SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES OF TEAR GAS USED DURING DECEMBER 11 DISTURBANCES. WE ARE STRUCK BY THE PROMPTNESS WITH WHICH GUB PROCUREMENT RED TAPE WAS CUT THROUGH IN THIS CASE, AND BY THE SPEED WITH WHICH FOREIGN MINISTRY FOLLOWED UP THROUGH ITS WASHINGTON EMBASSY.

2. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO LICENSING AND EVEN FACILITATING GUB PURCHASES OF NON-LETHAL ITEMS SUCH AS TEAR GAS, OR MILITARY HARDWARE NOT RELEVANT TO THE SUPPRESSION OF DEMONSTRATIONS OR CIVIL STRIFE. GIVEN THE STRONG POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE ANTI-GOVERNMENT DISTURBANCES, HOWEVER, THERE ARE A FEW ITEMS (E.G., GRENADE LAUNCHERS) EXPORT OF WHICH TO BURMA WOULD CAUSE US SOME QUALMS OR FOR WHICH DELAY IN ISSUING MIGHT IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES BE ADVISABLE.

3. ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF CURRENT MUNITIONS EXPORT LICENSING GUIDELINES APPLICABLE TO BURMA. IF THEY DO NOT ALREADY PROVIDE FOR EMBASSY TO BE INFORMED OF ANY LICENSE APPLICATION FOR LETHAL OR RIOT-CONTROL ITEMS, SUGGEST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUCH A PROCEDURE BE INSTITUTED.

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